

# PlanMaryLand

## Progress Report on the State Growth Plan

September 16, 2009

Task Force on Growth and Development



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# Purpose and Authority for the Plan

To serve as the strategic coordinating document for State actions that affect land use to better target and leverage existing (and planned) resources

To provide a clear point of comparison for how State and local governments envision the development, use and protection of land

To provide a context for the State's review and comment on local comp plans and related programs



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# Purpose and Authority for the Plan

To serve as the overall State and local policy guide on smart growth, historic preservation and land conservation

To serve as the overall policy guide for State and local governments in decision making on capital projects

To identify trends that are inconsistent with smart, sustainable growth; changes that need to be taken to modify trends; and to make the necessary changes



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# **Some Guiding Principles/Goals**

**Facilitate the creation of compact development centers as desirable places to live, work, and play**

**Protect Maryland's priority lands and resources**

**Reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions**

**Improve opportunities for low income populations**

**Maximize consistency and coordination within and across levels of government**

**Maintain State and local focus on the desired outcomes over time**



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# **Annotated Code of Maryland, Subtitle 6. State Development Plan**

**Provides that the Secretary of Planning  
prepare a State Development Plan  
containing recommendations for land  
use, major public works, circulation, and  
areas of critical state concern**



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# Task Force Report

**The Task Force will work with MDP, DHCD, and MDOT on development of their State Development Plan, State Housing Plan and State Transportation Plan by providing guidance, feedback, and support as the Plans are prepared. This critical component of Maryland's future land use planning will be a Focus Area for the balance of the Task Force's work. In addition, MDP will be working with the Smart Growth Subcabinet in general on this effort.**



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# **Process/structure for developing the Plan**

**MDP management team**

**Interagency team**

**Task Force on Growth and Development**

**Smart Growth subcabinet**



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# **Outreach Communications Strategy**

**Agency Websites**

**Local, Regional and Statewide Media**

**Social media**

**Stakeholder outreach**

**Build to a kickoff event to explain basis, purpose  
and timeline for Plan**



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# **Outreach Public Participation Strategy**

**Stakeholder interviews**

**Stakeholder meetings**

**Community meetings**

**Regional meetings**

**Internet surveys**

**Town Hall or Summit**



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# **Plan Content**

**Process/Methodology for developing the Plan**

**Outreach Summary**

**Role of State and local jurisdictions in the process**

**Relationship of Plan to State Policies and Regulations**

**Relationship of Plan to Key Local Government Plans and Policies**

**Identification of Issues, Opportunities, Goals and Vision**



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# **Plan Content**

## **Plan Elements**

**Functional Areas**

**Topic Areas**

**Potential Performance Measure Areas**

## **Implementation Strategy**

**Identification of specific implementation tasks – administrative/policy, capital, regulatory**

**Timeline and assignment of agencies with principal and supportive responsibilities for implementation**

**Reporting requirements and timeline**



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# **Plan Milestones – To do's**

**Conduct stakeholder interviews**

**Meetings with stakeholder groups**

**Roundtable/Kickoff; develop criteria for Areas of Critical State Concern**

**Regional public meetings**

**Develop draft Issues, Opportunities, Goals, Vision**

**Request locals to comment on criteria for Areas of Critical State Concern; receive comments**



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# **Plan Milestones – To do's**

**Request locals to submit Areas of Critical State Concern**

**State review and comment of local Areas of Critical State Concern**

**Regional public meetings**

**Prepare Preliminary draft Plan**

**Regional public meetings**

**Prepare Final draft Plan and provide to Governor**



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# Progress to date

**“Four Easy Pieces” – “sketch plan” booklet series:**

**Overview of PlanMaryLand – what is it?**

**PlanMaryLand Conditions and Issues Map**

**PlanMaryLand Process – how will it get done?**

**PlanMaryLand Outreach – how can you be Involved?**

**Status: in process**



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# Progress to date

## *Stakeholder Interviews*

**To identify issues to be addressed in preparation of the Plan and outreach process**

**To build support for the Plan**

**Will lead into a more comprehensive outreach effort**

**Status: in process**



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# Progress to date

## *Interagency coordination*

**To develop and maintain close working relationships with sister State agencies to keep them informed and involved in the planning process**

**Status: briefing meeting in October 2009**



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# Progress to date

## Mapping tools

**Developing a companion and complementary piece to GreenPrint and AgPrint that will serve as an assessment and planning tool for how the State currently targets programs and funds within PFAs**

**Status: Briefing local planning agencies**



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# Progress to date

## **Funding/Partnership opportunities**

**Opportunities for non-profits, educational institutions and others to become involved in the process**

**Also opportunities for partnering with Federal agencies to implement livable cities and sustainable communities initiatives**

**Status: Identifying potential sources of grant funds and Federal partnering opportunities**



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# Progress to date

## Outreach

**Opportunities to get the word out now about PlanMaryLand prior to formal public meeting process**

**Opportunities will be in the form of scheduled and non-scheduled meetings of existing business, environmental, community, non-profit, and other organizations**

**These briefings should begin in October**

**Status: held Planning Directors Roundtable in July**



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## Comments and Questions

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